The Indiana Department of Correction Announces 2006 Commissioner's Awards Winners

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From Left to Right: 2006 Commissioner's Awards Winners: James Cox Jr., Superintendent Stanley Knight, Doug Evans, Commissioner J. David Donahue, Mary Treadwell and Superintendent John Hardwick.

Indianapolis, Indiana - (October 4, 2006) - The Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner, J. David Donahue announced the <u>recipients of the first 2006 Commissioner's Awards</u>, given to five employees whose leadership, dedication and excellence have significantly improved the operations,

administration, and re-entry efforts of the Department. The recipients were presented with the awards during the 73rd annual Indiana Corrections Association conference at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie, Indiana. The ceremony was attended by 400 employees.

"Employees are the most important asset of this agency," said Commissioner Donahue. "Each of the winners recognized today have achieved exceptional results in their professional roles and they take great pride in the work they do, while promoting public safety."

"In 2007, the Department will enhance focus on the training and development of employees. There's a lot of great talent in this agency and employees are working hard to meet the expectations set by the Department," added Commissioner Donahue. "Re-entry will be the most significant initiative for employees to focus on and deliver results."

The five categories for the 2005 Commissioner's Awards were Who Moved My Cheese Award, Innovative Employee of the Year, Employee of the Year, Facility of the Year and Superintendent of the Year. Employees were nominated by peers and administrators of the Department.

The award recipient for Who Moved My Cheese Award was presented to James Cox, Jr., Substance Abuse Program Director at the Indiana State Prison. This award recognizes an individual who has been presented with changes and possessed the ability to see the big picture, and motivating others to accept the Department's new philosophy to incorporate the three E's of Excellence in the process.

The recipient of the Innovative of the Year award was Doug Evans, Operations Manager at the Prison Enterprise Networks (PEN) Products. This award recognizes an individual who has enhanced the facility/department process through the use of the three-E's, employees, efficiency and effectiveness.

The Employee of the Year Award was presented to Mary Treadwell, Unit Team Manager at the Plainfield Correctional Facility. This award recognizes an employee in corrections who has made one of the following contributions: improved re-entry process for the offenders; promoted security measures at the facility; and added value to services.

The Facility of the Year was presented to Superintendent of the Pendleton Correctional Facility, Stanley Knight. This award recognizes the facility which has collaborated with the public and community to aid in the re-entry process as well as demonstrated the use of the three E's, employees, efficiency and effectiveness.

The final award was presented to John Hardwick, a 17-year veteran of the Department Correction and facility head of the Edinburgh Correctional Facility for Superintendent of the Year. This award is given to a superintendent who possess skills, knowledge, judgment and communications that have made a positive impact on offenders, staff, the agency and the community.

Congratulations to all the winners!

About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: http://www.in.gov/indcorrection. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: http://www.reentry.in.gov.